Department of Planning and Budget
2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB600

House of Origin	☒	Introduced	☐	Substitute	☐ Engrossed
Second House	☐	In Committee	☐	Substitute	☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Bell, Richard P.

3. **Committee:** Courts of Justice

4. **Title:** Child welfare mandates.

5. **Summary:** Child welfare mandates. Imposes certain mandates related to the protection and encouragement of children, including a requirement that certain information and options be given to a child in connection with foster care plans, the imposition of certain age-appropriate restrictions, and requirements of both the courts and the Department of Social Services regarding foster care plans.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: No

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:**

7a. Expenditure Impact:

Fiscal Year	*Dollars*	*Positions*	*Fund*
2016	$13,200-26,400	-	See Item 8
2017	$13,200-26,400	-	See Item 8
2018	$13,200-26,400	-	See Item 8
2019	$13,200-26,400	-	See Item 8
2020	$13,200-26,400	-	See Item 8
2021	$13,200-26,400	-	See Item 8
2022	$13,200-26,400	-	See Item 8

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Amendments to federal law now require that children aging out of foster care be given or have certain documents, including social security card, driver's license or state identification, certified birth certificate, and a copy of their medical records. Some of these required documents have no cost. However, a birth certificate is $12.00 per child, a Virginia driver's license is $32.00 per child, and a Virginia state identification card is $10.00 per child. Therefore the estimated cost per child is $22 with an ID card or $44 with a driver’s license.

Approximately 600 children age out of foster care annually. Assuming all children will need a copy of all documents, it will cost $13,200 - 26,400 a year to meet the federal requirement. By providing a state identification card instead of a Virginia driver's license, the cost of meeting the federal requirement is halved.

The cost of providing these documents is minimal and can be absorbed by the Department of Social Services with its current appropriation.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Social Services

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:**